

# Education



*Education is power! Empower others in our community by sharing what you know. You can take time to tutor a child, share information about our community's history, explore art or teach a language. Teach others what you know and learn something from them in the process. Never stop learning!*

## **BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS**

418 S. Walnut St., PO Box 2534 47402

334-2828

[www.bigsindiana.org](http://www.bigsindiana.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Liz Grenat  
**Email:** [bbbs@bloomington.in.us](mailto:bbbs@bloomington.in.us)

**Minimum Age:** 16 (parent/guardian permission required)

*Matches children, ages 6-17, with volunteer adult mentors. Depending on the program, children and parents are visited at home, in school or at other partner sites. Children are referred to BBBS by parents, teachers or counselors.*

\* High School Bigs spend 1-2 hours after school at least one day per week with a child at Boys & Girls Club (downtown) or Summit, Templeton or Fairview elementary schools. Volunteers are matched individually with a Little, but will enjoy the benefits of a facilitated group setting. Volunteer Commitment: School year; 1-2 hours weekly, after school hours. Requirements: MUST PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION! Interview and training required.

## **BLOOMINGTON AREA ARTS COUNCIL / JOHN WALDRON ARTS CENTER**

122 S. Walnut St. 47404

334-3100 ext 111

[www.artlives.org](http://www.artlives.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Nancy Krueger  
**Email:** [info@artlives.org](mailto:info@artlives.org)

**Minimum Age:** 16  
**w/Parental Supervision:** 14

*The BAAC supports artists and arts in five counties and operates the John Waldron Arts Center, offering art classes, gallery exhibitions and performance opportunities and venues. An organization dedicated to making art available for everyone, by providing opportunities for all ages in performance, education and exhibitions.*

\* Teens can serve a variety of functions for the organization. Help in the Gallery as exhibit installation assistants, gallery shop staff or opening reception assistants. Volunteer in the education program as classroom aides or artist assistants. Assist with performance events backstage or at the front of the house. Also

needed are general office volunteers who help with answering phones, copying, filing and light office duties.

## **BLOOMINGTON DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING CENTER**

1807 S. Highland Ave.

Bloomington, IN. 47401

336-6600

[www.bdlc.org](http://www.bdlc.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Vanessa Fenker  
**E-mail:** [bdlc\\_kids@yahoo.com](mailto:bdlc_kids@yahoo.com)

**Minimum Age:** 14  
**w/Parental Supervision:** 8

*BDLC has provided quality childcare in a learning environment since 1973. We serve children 6-weeks old to 6-years old in our licensed, accredited facility. Located 1½ blocks from YMCA.*

\* Seeking teen volunteers interested in helping teachers in the classroom. Volunteer shifts are two hours a week, once a week after school or during vacation periods. Volunteer teaching aids help provide children with enriching experiences. Especially interested in volunteers with an interest in art, music, theatre, dance or reading. Teens who once attended BDLC are encouraged to return as program volunteers.

## **CITY OF BLOOMINGTON LATINO PROGRAMS & OUTREACH**

401 N. Morton St., Ste. 260 47404

349-3465

[www.bloomingtonlatino.net](http://www.bloomingtonlatino.net)

**Volunteer Contact:** Teresa Velez  
**Email:** [bloomingtonlatino@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:bloomingtonlatino@bloomington.in.gov)

**Minimum Age:** varies according to program

*Serves as a liaison for the City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department and community organizations giving support to Latinos and immigrant populations and promoting diversity and cultures. Provides direct services, including referrals, interpretation and translation, to Spanish speaking people.*

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\* Teens are encouraged to get involved with the Latino community by volunteering for projects. Opportunities include Adult Education Tutors, 'Hola Bloomington' Spanish Radio Show, Hoosier Healthwise, Latino Outreach, Interpreters, Office Assistance, Spanish Community Newsletter, Web Site Maintenance. Fluency in Spanish is not required for all opportunities.

## MONROE COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

1502 W. 15 St. 47404

334-8350 ext. 0

[www.sccap.monroe.in.us](http://www.sccap.monroe.in.us)

**Volunteer Contact:** Natalie Bouse

**Minimum Age:** 16

**Email:** [parents@headstart.bloomington.in.us](mailto:parents@headstart.bloomington.in.us)

*Provides quality, comprehensive child development and family services for low-income families. Serves preschoolers ages 3-5 years.*

\* Classroom assistants are needed to work with teachers of preschool children age 3 to 5 as they learn through various developmentally appropriate play experiences. Commitment is two hours weekly with flexible duration. Child care volunteers are on call and serve when the need arises, usually once or twice a month.

## MONROE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

202 E. 6th St. 47408

332-2517

[www.kiva.net/~mchm/museum.html](http://www.kiva.net/~mchm/museum.html)

**Volunteer Contact:** Lisa Simmons

**Minimum Age:** 15

**Email:** [education@monroehistory.org](mailto:education@monroehistory.org)

*Collects, exhibits and preserves the artifacts that tell the stories of Monroe County; consists of a museum, museum store and genealogy library.*

\* The Center needs docents, special exhibit interpreters, curator's assistants, gift shop volunteers, gardeners and volunteers to help with special projects. Training provided. After 21 hours of service, volunteers receive the Museum newsletter, a 10% discount at the Museum Store and free admission to special events.

## MONROE COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION

PO Box 1334 47402

335-9453 or 333-MCHA (6242)

[www.monroehumane.org](http://www.monroehumane.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Sarah Delone

**Minimum Age:** 16

**Email:** [educate@bluemarble.net](mailto:educate@bluemarble.net)

**w/Parental Supervision:** 13

*Nonprofit organization that promotes respect and responsibility for all animals through humane education, community outreach, programming to assist in lowering the number of homeless animals in Monroe County, fundraising, and direct financial assistance to the City of Bloomington Animal Care and Control Animal Shelter.*

\* Teens can volunteer for Pet Partners® and visit nursing homes, schools and other facilities to share the joy of their animal companions with those in need. Or they can work at special events and special projects such as the annual pet food drive or take an important role in the planning of the Walk for the Animals or volunteer at this event in late September/early October. Office assistants are also needed.

## MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (MCPL) TUTORS FOR TEENS

303 E. Kirkwood Ave. 47408

349-3450 ext. 2055

[www.mcpl.info/teens](http://www.mcpl.info/teens)

**Volunteer Contact:** Tiana Tew

**Minimum Age:** 7th grade

**Email:** [ttew@mcpl.info](mailto:ttew@mcpl.info)

*MCPL provides print and audiovisual materials, reference help, free programs for all ages, homework help and a College Center.*

\* "Tutors for Teens" Board connects volunteer tutors who offer one-on-one assistance in various subject areas of study with students in need of tutoring help. Sign up at the Tutors' Board on the second floor of MCPL. Volunteers must have completed 6th grade.

## MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

303 E. Kirkwood Ave. 47408

349-3100

[www.mcpl.info/childrens](http://www.mcpl.info/childrens)

**Volunteer Contact:** Patty Callison

**Minimum Age:** high school

**Email:** [pattcall@mcpl.info](mailto:pattcall@mcpl.info)

*MCPL has six professional Children's librarians skilled at working with children and providing a variety of children's programs and*

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services.

\* Children's Services offers frequent opportunities for volunteers interested in working with children or behind the scenes with librarians. Summer volunteers can help with programs for younger children.

## **WONDERLAB**

308 W. 4th St. / PO Box 996 47402-0996  
337-1337 ext. 20  
[www.wonderlab.org](http://www.wonderlab.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Jeanne Gunning      **Minimum Age:** 13 or entering 7th  
**Email:** [volunteer@wonderlab.org](mailto:volunteer@wonderlab.org)      grade

*Provides opportunities for people of all ages, especially children, to experience the wonder and excitement of science through exhibits and programs that stimulate curiosity, encourage exploration and foster lifelong learning.*

\* Donate your body to science by volunteering at WonderLab, helping visitors explore hands-on exhibits and programs. Volunteering opportunities for teens entering grades 7 and above are available Tuesday through Sunday and fit any schedule. Special events include the annual BubbleFest in July. Have fun, get work experience, and give a boost to your college or job application.